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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 355

Introduced by Assembly Member Cooley

February 13, 2013

An act relating to emergency medical services, *and making an appropriation therefor.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 355, as amended, Cooley. Emergency medical services: mobile field hospitals.

Existing law establishes the Emergency Medical Services Authority in the Health and Welfare Agency to administer a statewide system of coordinated emergency medical care, injury prevention, and disaster medical response.

This bill would appropriate ~~\$1,700,000~~ *\$1,000,000* from the General Fund to the Emergency Medical Services Authority to continue the Mobile Field Hospital program. The bill would also make legislative findings and declarations.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. (a)–The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:

1 ~~(1)~~

2 ~~(a)~~ California has a history of devastating natural disasters,
3 including, but not limited to, earthquakes and floods.

4 ~~(2)~~

5 ~~(b)~~ The Uniform California Earthquake Rupture Forecast model
6 predicts that California will experience a magnitude 6.7 or larger
7 earthquake in the next 30 years.

8 ~~(3)~~

9 ~~(c)~~ Mobile field hospitals have been deployed around the world
10 in response to natural disasters and public health emergencies.

11 ~~(4)~~

12 ~~(d)~~ California invested in three 200 bed mobile field hospitals
13 as part of the state's disaster preparedness plan to protect citizens
14 and provide critical medical services in a time of need. However,
15 due to a lack of programmatic funding, the state will be forced to
16 sell the mobile field hospitals at a fraction of the program's initial
17 cost.

18 SEC. 2. The sum of one million ~~seven hundred thousand~~ dollars
19 ~~(\$1,700,000)~~ (\$1,000,000) is hereby appropriated from the General
20 Fund to the Emergency Medical Services Authority for purposes
21 of continuing the Mobile Field Hospital program.